no such ban on India. An Advisory was issued to all the Parties on 24.12.2004 by CITES to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with India due to non-compliance of an earlier commitment to have a CITES specific legislation. On receipt of a legislation plan from India, the said recommendation has been withdrawn on 14.03.2005.

Environment Courts

3939. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Environment Courts in all the States to deal with environmental issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these courts are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Law Commission, in it's 186th Report, has *inter alia* recommended establishment of separate 'Environment Courts' at the State level consisting of judicial and scientific experts in the field of environment, for dealing with environmental disputes besides having appellate jurisdiction in respect of appeals under the various Pollution Control Laws.The recommendations of the report are under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) No Sir. The States have not been consulted at this stage, as the recommendations of the Report are still under consideration of the Central Government.

Food Processing Park Project for Madhya Pradesh

†3940. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned a project of Food Processing Parks for Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the names of those places in the State where such parks would be set up under this project; and

(d) the latest position of these sanctioned projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its plan schemes, provides financial assistance for setting up of Food Parks. The Ministry does not set up Food Parks on its own. The Ministry has approved financial assistance for setting up of six food parks in Madhya Pradesh. The details of the Food parks is given in the statement (*see* below). The Fod Parks have attained different levels of progress in development of infrastructure.

Statement

Details of Food Parks

S. No.	Implementing Agency	Location	Project Cost (in lakhs)	Amount approved (in lakhs)	Amount released (in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam (Indore) Ltd.	Jaggakhedi, District Mandsur	818.00	381.83	381.83
2.	Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam (Indore) Ltd.	Nimrani, District Khargone	866.36	400.00	200.00
3.	Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam (Bhopal) Ltd.	Piparia & Babai, District Hoshan-gabad	820.37	400.00	328.76
4.	Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam (Jabalpur) Ltd.	Borgaon, District Chhindwara	837.65	400.00	300.00
5.	Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam (Gwalior) Ltd.	Malanpur, Ghirongi, District Bhind	801.52	400.00	200.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam (Jabalpur) Ltd.	Maneri, District Mandlars	832.46	400.00	200.00

Reforms in FPIs

3941. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate reforms in the food-processing sector in various States, particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the incentives being provided/proposed to be provided to the food processing industries in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) Introduction of reforms in food processing sector is an ongoing process Government has taken several steps from time to time for promotion of food processing industries in all States including Pubjab. Accordingly most of the processed food items are exempted form purview of licensing under the Industrial (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. Excise duty on fruit and vegetable products and cold chain has been removed. In the year 2004-05, Government has allowed under Income Tax Act, a deduction of 100% of profit for five years and 25% of profits for the next five years in case of new agro processing, industries set up to process, preserve and package fruits and vegetables. Excise duty of 16% on dairy machinery has been fully waived for promotion of dairy processing industries. Excise duty on meat, poultry and fish has been reduced from 16% to 8%. Recently in the Budget of 2005-06, excise duty of Re. 1.00 per kg on refined edible oil and 1.25 per kg on vanaspati was abolished and customs duty on refrigerated vans was reduced from 20% to 10%.

Plan schemes have also been formulated to provide financial assistance for establishment and modernization of food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for Research and Development, human resources